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((TEXT)) KABUL, 12 OCT -- UNITS AND SUBUNITS OF THE DRA ARMED FORCES ELIMINATED GANGS OF COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF KHOWST DISTRICT WHERE THE LATTER HAD ESTABLISHED MAJOR STRONG POINTS. LIEUTENANT GENERAL (SHAH NAVAZ TANAY), CHIEF OF THE DRA ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF, TOLD A TASS CORRESPONDENT ABOUT THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL RESULTS OF THE OPERATION.

IN AN EFFORT TO TRANSFORM SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN PARTS OF KHOWST INTO AN IMPREGNABLE FORTRESS, THE COUNTERREVOLUTION ESTABLISHED MAJOR FORTIFIED AREAS THERE COMPRISING HUNDREDS OF FIRE POSITIONS AND DOZENS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION DUMPS. THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES SPREAD THE MYTH ALLEGING THAT GOVERNMENT FORCES WILL NEVER SUCCEED IN DRIVING THEIR DETACHMENTS OUT OF THIS AREA.

THE ROUT OF 77 GANGS IN KHOWST WAS CAREFULLY PLANNED BY THE DRA ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF. DURING THE FIGHTING CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN GROUND FORCES AND THE AIRCRAFT WAS ACHIEVED. YOUNG OFFICERS AND SERVICEMEN WHO HAD NOT TAKEN PART IN THIS KIND OF OPERATION BEFORE RECEIVED A GOOD TEMPERING. LEADERSHIP WAS EFFECTED BY AN OPERATIONAL GROUP OF THE GENERAL STAFF. THE UNITS AND SUBUNITS OF THE DRA ARMED FORCES HONORABLY DISCHARGED THE TASK THEY HAD BEEN SET. MANY OFFICERS AND MEN

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DISPLAYED COURAGE AND HEROISM DURING THE FIGHTING. AS A RESULT OF THE COMBAT ACTION MORE THAN 2,500 BANDITS WERE KILLED AND 56 ARMS AND AMMUNITION DUMPS DESTROYED. TODAY THE AREA IS ENTIRELY CONTROLLED BY GOVERNMENT FORCES AND PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY HAVE BEEN RESTORED.

THE POLITICAL RESULTS OF THE FIGHTING, (SHAH NAVAZ TANAY) NOTED, CONSIST ABOVE ALL IN THE POPULATION'S CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED FAITH IN THE REVOLUTIONARY POWER'S POTENTIAL. FAMILIES WHICH LEFT THEIR MOTHERLAND UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF HOSTILE PROPAGANDA HAVE BEGUN RETURNING FROM PAKISTAN. IT IS NOW EVEN MORE OBVIOUS THAT THE COUNTERREVOLUTION'S ATTEMPTS TO REGAIN LOST INFLUENCE AND TURN BACK THE WHEEL OF TIME ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE. THE HEROIC AFGHAN PEOPLE AND ITS VALOROUS ARMED FORCES WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS.

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